

TO THE HONORABLE, the JUDGES of the COURT of COMMON PLEAS, in and for the County of Beaver:

THE PETITION OF *James Meale* of the County of Beaver humbly sheweth; That your Petitioner, *is a native of Ireland where he migrated in the year, One thousand eight Hundred and thirty seven and has resided in the United States, and*

within the State of Pennsylvania, at least (five) years, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely renounce and abjure, all
~~allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, particularly to~~
the *Queen of England* to whom he was heretofore a subject, that he hath never borne any of the orders of nobility in the Kingdom from which he came, and is ready to declare on oath the truth of these things, and prays to be admitted a Citizen of the United States, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

James Meale

BEAVER COUNTY, SS.

At a Court of Common Pleas, held for said County, on the *2^d day of June 1842* before the Hon. John Bredin, President, and John Nesbit, and ~~Benjamin Adams, Esq.~~ Associate Judge of the same Court—came *James Meale* and being sworn according to law, saith that what he hath set forth in the above petition is the truth, and that he doth renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, or Sovereignty, whatever, and particularly to the *Queen of England* and that he will support the Constitution of the United States.

SWORN IN OPEN COURT.

Matthew Lawrence Pro.

James Meale

BEAVER COUNTY, SS.

At a Court of Common Pleas, held at Beaver, the *2* day of *June* — A. D. *1842* for said County, came into Court, *John Graham* a Citizen of the United States, and being sworn according to law, saith, that he hath known the above named *James Meale* — during the term of five years residence, and under the jurisdiction of the said United States, as in the above Petition set forth by the said *James Meale* — and that he hath behaved himself as a man of good moral character, and attached to the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Sworn and Subscribed in open Court.

Matthew Lawrence

James Meale
Pro John Graham